

1/4th Pound - Division Open - Black Consumption Stamps - 63 x 47 mm. – (1869-1883)

[Chris Ryan, “Canadian Revenue Newsletter”, No. 39, of May 2002]

“In September of 1869, the square BOX and CADDY excise stamps were supplemented by twelve new stamps in six denominations for consumption (black) and for warehouse (red). The denomination of these items represented the maximum weight of tobacco to which they could be affixed. Unlike other BABN tobacco stamps in use up to that time, the new denominated stamps were produced from steel plates (intaglio).

The *small* stamp was initially issued in denominations of one-quarter, one-half and one pound. In February of 1880 a one-tenth pound stamp was prepared for use in the Windsor Division. The duty collected by these stamps was to be the full amount represented by their denomination, regardless of the actual weight of tobacco in the package.

In September 1874 the Revenue Department authorized the preparation of the first Division-specific stamps for manufactured tobacco. These stamps bear the printed name of the Revenue Division and signature of its Collector in the spaces previously left blank to be filled in by hand or rubberstamp. The first of these personalized stamps were prepared for use in Montreal and Toronto. It is surmised that similar stamps for other Divisions were subsequently introduced overtime as warranted by numbers used.”

The catalogue lists the black Division Open 1/4 pound consumption stamps as follows:

RM-20 - 1/4th pound, black, Division Open, perforated 12, on *unwmkd* thin wove - 4 mm. controls

RM-20a - 1/4th pound, black, Division Open, perforated 12, on *diagonally wmkd* vertically laid paper - 4 mm. controls

RM-20 thick - 1/4th pound, black, Division Open, perforated 12, on *unwmkd* thick wove - 4 mm. controls

RM-20b - 1/4th pound, black, Division Open, perforated 12, on *block wmkd* thick wove - 4 mm. controls

There is a great difference between the *unwmkd* thin wove of 1869 and the thick wove of 1872.

1st BABN Contract (1868-1873)	John McKay reports that 192,500 copies of “1/4 lb. S. M. R. Black” were delivered. Prior to 1874 these would be Division Open.
2nd BABN Contract (1873-1878)	John McKay reports that 20,000 copies of “1/4 lb. Black Tobacco” were delivered. These were probably 5,000 Division Open, 10,000 for Montreal and 5,000 for Toronto.
3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886)	John McKay reports that 107,500 copies of “1/4 lb., Black, General” were delivered.

--- The theoretical control numbering for the 1/4th pound Division Open stamp ---

RM-20 - 1/4th pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove -	000001 to 010000
RM-20a - 1/4th pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically <u>laid</u> paper -	010001 to 192500
RM-20 thick - 1/4th pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thick wove -	192501 to 200000
RM-20b - 1/4th pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>block wmkd</i> thick wove -	200001 to 300000

--- The “actual” control numbering for the 1/4th pound Division Open stamp, as recorded to date ---

RM-20 - 1/4th pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove -	001466 to 007676
RM-20a - 1/4th pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically <u>laid</u> paper -	089566 to 188782
RM-20 thick - 1/4th pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thick wove -	196354 a single copy
RM-20b - 1/4th pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>block wmkd</i> thick wove -	258489 a single copy

--- 1/4th Pound - Division Open - Black Consumption stamps - 63 x 47 mm. - 1869 ---

--- on unwmkd horizontal mesh thin wove paper at Montreal under the 1st BABN Contract - 63 x 47 mm. design ---

--- perforated 12 - with 4 mm. control numbers - scanned at 100% scale ---

The catalogue lists this black Division Open 1/4 pound consumption stamp as follows:

RM-20 - 1/4th pound, black, Division Open, perforated 12, on *unwmkd* thin wove - 4 mm. controls

There is a great difference between the *unwmkd* thin wove of 1869 and the thick wove of 1872.



RM-20 - 1/4th pound, black, Division Open, perforated 12, on *unwmkd* thin wove, control number **005206**

001464	RM-20	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, unwmkd thin wove
001486-91	RM-20	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, unwmkd thin wove
001489-94	RM-20	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, unwmkd thin wove
001500	RM-20	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, unwmkd thin wove
002981	RM-20	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, unwmkd thin wove
005206	RM-20	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, unwmkd thin wove
005211	RM-20	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, unwmkd thin wove
005214	RM-20	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, unwmkd thin wove
005215 ★	RM-20	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, unwmkd thin wove
005217	RM-20	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, unwmkd thin wove
005238	RM-20	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, unwmkd thin wove
005260	RM-20	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, unwmkd thin wove
005298	RM-20	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, unwmkd thin wove
005299	RM-20	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, unwmkd thin wove
005303	RM-20	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, unwmkd thin wove
005309 ★	RM-20	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, unwmkd thin wove
005312	RM-20	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, unwmkd thin wove
005313	RM-20	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, unwmkd thin wove
005340	RM-20	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, unwmkd thin wove
005358	RM-20	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, unwmkd thin wove
005367	RM-20	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, unwmkd thin wove

--- 1/4th Pound - Division Open - Black Consumption stamps - 1871 ---

--- on *diagonally wmkd* vertically laid paper at Montreal under the 1st BABN Contract - 63 x 47 mm. design ---

--- perforated 12 - with 4 mm. control numbers - scanned at 100% scale ---

The catalogue lists this black Division Open 1/4 pound consumption stamp as follows:

RM-20a - 1/4th pound, black, Division Open, perforated 12, on *diagonally wmkd* vertically laid paper - 4 mm. controls



★ **RM-20a** - 1/4th pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, on *diagonally wmkd* vertically laid paper, control **141923**, dated 20 - 75 in April 1875, by Licensee # 6, at Guelph, Ontario, signed by C. L. McLally as “Collector”

★ **RM-20a CP** - 1/4th pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, on *diagonally wmkd* vertically laid paper, with control number **180001**, stamped *Cancelled* in purple script

089566	06/72	RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper, used at <i>Guelph</i> by Licensee # 1, dated 24 - 72
111489		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper, used at <i>Quebec</i> , by Licensee # 1
117711 ★		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper
141696	04/75	RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper, used at <i>Guelph</i> by Licensee # 6, dated 20 - 75
141923 ★	04/75	RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper, used at <i>Guelph</i> , by Licensee # 6, dated 20 - 75
142834	10/75	RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper, used at <i>Guelph</i> by Licensee # 5, dated 7 - 75
143411 ★	11/75	RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper, used at <i>Guelph</i> by Licensee # 5, dated 9 - 75
156588 ★	04/76	RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper, used at <i>Guelph</i> by Licensee # 5, dated 20 - 76
169044 ★	01/77	RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper, used at <i>Guelph</i> by Licensee # 2, dated 14 - 77
169665		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper, unreadable manuscript, from Guelph
173027	03/77	RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper, used at <i>Windsor</i> by Licensee # 1, dated 17 - 77
176996 ★	11/78	RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper, used at Windsor by Licensee # 1, dated 9 - 78
177751	02/79	RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper, used at <i>Guelph</i> by Licensee # 5, dated 16 - 79
177769	02/79	RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper, used at <i>Guelph</i> by Licensee # 5, dated 16 - 79
179468-73		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper
179482		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper
179485		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper

179502		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper
179516-22		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper
179528		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper
179534		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper
179554		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper
179555		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper
179561		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper
179571		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper
179573		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper
179601		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper
179606		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper
179611		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper
179612		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper
179614		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper
179618		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper
179619		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper
179623		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper
179625 ★		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper
179639		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper
179655		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper
179699		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper
179708		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper
179712		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper
179717		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper
179718		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper
179740		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper
179752		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper
179757		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper
179766		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper
179792 ★		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper
179833		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper
179841		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper
179846		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper
179851-75 ★		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper, a sheet of twenty-five, perforated on all four sides
179846		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper
179876 ★		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper
179884		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper
179889		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper
179893		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper
179907		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper
179919		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper
179921		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper
179926		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper
179927 - 32		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper
179976		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper
179983		RM-20a	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper
180001 ★		RM-20a CP	1/4 pound, black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper stamped <i>Cancelled</i> in purple script
182019	05/79	RM-20a	1/4 pound black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper, used at Windsor by Licensee # 1, signed J.G., dated 21 - 79
188782	06/79	RM-20a	1/4 pound black, Division Open, <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically laid paper, used at Windsor by Licensee # 1, dated 24 - 79

--- 1/4th Pound - Division Open - Black Consumption stamps - 1873-74 ---

--- on unwmkd thick wove paper at Montreal under the 2nd BABN Contract - 63 x 47 mm. design ---

--- perforated 12 - with 4 mm. control numbers - scanned at 100% scale ---

The catalogue lists this black Division Open 1/4 pound consumption stamp as follows:

RM-20 thick - 1/4th pound, black, Division Open, perforated 12, on unwmkd thick wove, with 4 mm. blue controls

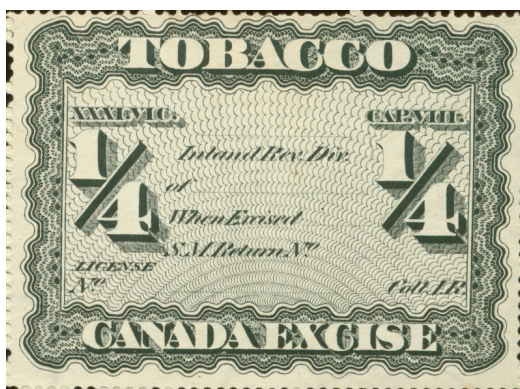
There is a great difference between the unwmkd thin wove of 1869 and the thick wove of 1872.



★**RM-20 thick** - 1/4th pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, on unwmkd thick wove, control number **196354**, dated 2 - 79 in July 1879 by Licensee # 1, at Windsor, Ontario, initialled *J.G.* for "James Gow"

Chris Ryan reports that *James Gow* was named Primary Collector at Windsor on June 1st 1876 when he succeeded *C. F. Labadie*.

196354★ 07/79 RM-20 thick 1/4 pound, black, Division Open, perforated 12, on unwmkd thick wove, used at *Windsor*, by Licensee # 1, dated 2 - 79



★**RM-20bn** - 1/4th pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, on block wmkd thick wove, without controls - *two copies*

--- 1/4th Pound - Division Open - Black Consumption stamps - 1878-79 ---

--- recess printed on *block wmkd* medium wove paper at Montreal under the 3rd BABN Contract ---

--- perforated 12 - 63 x 47 mm. design - with 4 mm. control numbers - scanned at 100% scale ---

The catalogue lists this black Division Open 1/4 pound consumption stamp as follows:

RM-20b - 1/4th pound, black, Division Open, perforated 12, on *block wmkd* thick wove, with 4 mm. blue controls



★**RM-20b** - 1/4th pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, on *block wmkd* thick wove, control number **258489**, used by Licensee # 1 at **Windsor**, dated 15- 80 in February 1880, initialled *J.G.* - for “James Gow”

213423	02/80	RM-20b	1/4th pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, block wmkd wove, Licensee # 1 , dated 7-79 , S.M. Return No. 7 , from October '79, stamped Windsor , initialled J.G. in red ink
258489 ★	02/80	RM-20b	1/4th pound, black, Division Open, perf 12, block wmkd wove, Licensee # 1 , dated 15 - 80, stamped Windsor , initialled <i>J.G.</i>

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Chris Ryan reports in the “Canadian Revenue Newsletter”, No.41, of March 2003 that all CADDY and BOX stamps were discontinued as of July 1st 1883.

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